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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1616****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney Docket No.: DRE-0063  
Inventors: Basude et al.  
Serial No.: 09/980,134  
Filing Date: July 2, 2002  
Examiner: Hartley, Michael G.  
Customer No.: 26259  
Group Art Unit: 1616  
Confirmation No.: 8214  
Title: Surface Stabilized Microbubbles for  
Use in Ultrasound Contrast and Drug  
Delivery Agents

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**Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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response. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.